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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS
ON UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT, MAY 3

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1. SUMMARY: SC MET IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON MAY
3 AT 10:00 A.M. TO APPROVE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON UNIFIL
ENLARGEMENT. DRAFT RESOLUTION (SEPTTEL) INITIALLY
INCLUDED ONLY FIRST OPERATIVE PARA. OPERATIVE PARAS
2 AND 3 WERE ADDED AT SUGGESTION OF INDIA AND FINAL
OPERATIVE PARA WAS BASED ON UK PROPOSAL AS MODIFIED

BY INDIA. WALDHEIM GAVE COUNCIL FULLER PICTURE OF RECENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING FRENCH, SENEGALESE AND PALESTINIAN CASUALTIES. SCENARIO WAS AGREED TO FOR SC MEETING AT 3:00 P.M. WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AT BEGINNING OF MEETING FOLLOWED BY STATEMENTS IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE. THERE WOULD BE NO OUTSIDE SPEAKERS. SC PRESIDENT CIRCULATED DRAFT LETTER TO SYG STATING COUNCIL'S AGREEMENT TO ADDITION OF FIJIAN, IRANIAN, AND IRISH CONTINGENTS TO UNIFIL, TO BE DESPATCHED FOLLOWING COUNCIL ACTION ON UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. SECURITY COUNCIL MET IN SECOND ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS ON UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT ON MAY 3 AT 10:00 A.M. DRAFT RESOLUTION AS CONTEMPLATED DURING MAY 2 CONSULTATIONS (TEXT AS ADOPTED, MINUS OP PARAS 2,3 AND 4 - SEE SEPTTEL) WAS CIRCULATED. INDIA (JAIPAL PROPOSED ADDING TWO FURTHER OPERATIVE PARAS DEALING WITH ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL (THESE BECAME OP PARAS 2 AND 3 IN AGREED RESOLUTION). NIGERIA PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENTS, EMPLOYING LANGUAGE MUCH STRONGER THAN INDIAN WORDING. (NIGERIA LATER WITHDREW ITS PROPOSED LANGUAGE, AFTER OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS HAD SPOKEN AND KUWAIT REQUESTED THE WITHDRAWAL.)

3. AMB YOUNG REFERRED TO THE UNDERSTANDING HE THOUGHT CONFIDENTIAL

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HAD BEEN ARRIVED AT PREVIOUS DAY AND EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE THAT THE IDEA SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN DISCARDED OF DEALING SEPARATELY WITH UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT NOW AND ONLY LATER, AS KUWAIT HAD SUGGESTED, WITH THE BROADER QUESTION INVOLVING WITHDRAWAL AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM. IN HIS VIEW THE SIMPLE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF UNIFIL SHOULD BE ACTED UPON QUICKLY TODAY, AS THE SYG HAD EMPHASIZED THE URGENT NEED FOR MORE TROOPS IF UNIFIL IS TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE PROPERLY. LATER, ON THE BASIS OF THE SYG'S REPORTS ON THE STATUS OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, THE COUNCIL COULD DECIDE ON ANY FURTHER ACTION THAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED. MOREOVER, HE FOUND IT PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE THAT, ON THE DAY AFTER UN TROOPS HAD BEEN KILLED AND WOUNDED, SUBSTANTIVE ADDITIONS SHOULD BE PROPOSED TO THE RESOLUTION WHICH COMPLETELY IGNORES THOSE EVENTS.

4. IN LIGHT OF AMB YOUNG'S REFERENCE TO THE PREVIOUS DAY'S INCIDENTS, SYG WALDHEIM ASKED FOR THE FLOOR TO REPORT ON THEM. HE CONFIRMED DEATH OF 2 FRENCH AND 1 SENEGALESE SOLDIER, PLUS A PLO REPRESENTATIVE

WHO HAD BEEN WITH THE FRENCH COMMANDING OFFICER AT THE
TIME THE LATTER WAS WOUNDED. HE ALSO CONFIRMED WOUNDING
OF 10 FRENCH SOLDIERS. HE CITED HIS CONTACT WITH
ARAFAT THROUGH PLO REP TERZI AND SAID ARAFAT HAD GIVEN
ASSURANCES THAT STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID FURTHER
SUCH INCIDENTS. HE SAID ALL WHO HAD BEEN
MISSING HAD BEEN LOCATED AND ALL WOUNDED WERE HOSPITALIZED
IN BEIRUT OR TYRE. GEN. ERSKINE HAD DEPARTED NY FOR
BEIRUT LAST NIGHT AND WOULD BE CONSULTING WITH LEBANESE

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AUTHORITIES AND ARAFAT TODAY (MAY 3).

5. UK (RICHARD) WAS DISTURBED AT DIRECTION DEBATE WAS

TAKING AND ARGUED THAT SC SHOULD PASS SHORT
RESOLUTION ON UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT. HOWEVER, IF DEBATE AND
RESOLUTION WERE TO BE WIDENED, HE WOULD INSIST ON
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INCLUDING IN THE RESOLUTION PROVISIONS EXPRESSING REGRET
OVER RECENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING UNIFIL TROOPS, STRONGLY
CONDEMNING ALL ATTACKS ON UNIFIL AND DEMANDING THAT
ALL CONCERNED FULLY RESPECT UNIFIL IN ITS CARRYING OUT
OF SC RESOLUTIONS.

6. MAURITIUS (RAMPHUL) THOUGHT SUCH INCIDENTS WERE
NORMAL IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES BUT WOULD GO ALONG WITH
CONDEMNATION OF ATTACKS ON UNIFIL. CANADA (BARTON)
THOUGHT SC SHOULD PROCEED IN TWO STEPS AS AGREED
PREVIOUS DAY - QUICKLY PASS PROCEDURAL-TYPE RESOLUTION
ON UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT AND THEN CONSIDER DEBATE ON
ENTIRE ISSUE, INCLUDING IDF WITHDRAWAL.

7. KUWAIT (BISHARA) SAID DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD BE
INCOMPLETE WITHOUT INDIAN AMENDMENTS, BUT UK AMENDMENT,
WHILE ACCEPTABLE, WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER PARAGRAPH
CONDEMNING ISRAELI DELAY IN WITHDRAWING, WHICH WAS THE
ROOT CAUSE OF THE WHOLE SITUATION. AFTER FURTHER
STATEMENTS BY GABON, USSR, BOLIVIA AND FRANCE
AND ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION, LANGUAGE FOR FOURTH OP PARA
OF DRAFT RES WAS AGREED. OPENING WORDING WAS
STRENGTHENED TO "DEPLORES THE ATTACKS ON THE UN FORCE..."
FROM
ORIGINAL "EXPRESSED REGRET AT THE ATTACKS..."

8. SCENARIO FOR AFTERNOON SC MEETING WAS AGREED,
NAMELY ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AT THE BEGINNING, FOLLOWED
BY STATEMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS. ONLY SC MEMBERS
WOULD SPEAK AT THE MEETING IN ADDITION TO THE SYG, WHO
ASKED TO MAKE STATEMENT.

9. SC PRESIDENT CIRCULATED AT CONSULTATIONS A PROPOSED
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RESPONSE TO SYG'S LETTER NOTING HIS INTENTION TO ACCEPT
OFFERS FROM FIJI, IRAN, AND IRELAND TO PROVIDE
CONTINGENTS FOR UNIFIL ONCE ENLARGEMENT IS APPROVED.
PROPOSED REPLY FROM SC PRESIDENT WOULD AS IN
THE PAST SIMPLY STATE THAT THE SC AGREES TO SYG'S
PROPOSAL CONCERNING THESE CONTINGENTS. THERE WAS NO

OBJECTION TO THIS LETTER. YOUNG

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